



# 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



## 1ST YEAR IN OFFICE

Here's an overview of what Erin accomplished this year.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

To temporarily stop warehouse development in the Northside, Erin led the effort for a successful **10-month warehouse moratorium** in this neighborhood. Erin brought the **Northside Specific Plan** to completion, which ensures community-centered growth in an underserved area of Riverside, and she championed the **Good Neighbor Guidelines** to protect the neighborhood character and air quality in all neighborhoods. Erin began the important work of **addressing the many issues in the river bottom**: taking steps toward regional coordination, sealing entrances to unauthorized vehicles, and proposing a plan to stop warming fires in the most at-risk areas.



Erin & Chief Michael Moore examining a fire in the Riverbottom.

## HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Erin served as **chair of the Council's Housing and Homelessness Committee** and sat on the **Mayor's Housing Task Force**. Erin led the exploratory stages of Riverside's **Inclusionary Housing Program**, added a team of **nurses** to the Office of Homeless Solutions, and supported efforts to protect people experiencing homelessness in a global pandemic, such as standing up **hygiene stations** and finding **bridge housing and services** for those formerly living along Massachusetts Ave.



Erin at the unveiling of the Pallet Shelters at Hulen Place.

## PUBLIC HEALTH



Ramona and Erin encouraging Riversiders to get tested at the opening of the Curative testing van.

Serving as **Mayor Pro Tem from January-June**, Erin was at the forefront of policy decisions during the first critical months of COVID-19. Erin co-authored a **micro-grant for small, low-income businesses**, stood up for renters by supporting a local **moratorium on evictions**, voted to declare **racism a public health crisis**, and advocated for a moratorium on rent increases. Erin co-authored a proposal that **strengthened communication around face coverings in businesses**, and championed the **outdoor flex permit program** which allowed restaurants, fitness businesses and faith-based organizations to operate safely outside. Erin supported a **community survey** to guide Riverside's \$28M CARES Act allocation and, on the dais, supported millions of dollars for **rental relief, business and nonprofit grants, support for students' distance learning, subsidies for childcare, and food assistance**.

## SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

Erin was a champion for stronger **Vehicle Miles Traveled thresholds** to reduce urban sprawl and encourage development near public transit. Erin supported the creation of the **Office of Sustainability**, wrote an America Walks grant to improve **walkability in Fairmount Park**, voted to bring Riverside into **compliance with State Recycling laws**, and supported a **feasibility study** to explore an electric tram in Riverside. On the Economic Development Committee, Erin supported nearly \$400,000 in **grants for emerging artists and arts & cultural groups**.



A view of our City of Arts and Innovation.

## TRANSPARENCY



Office hours attendees saying "cheese" on Zoom.

Erin established **monthly e-updates**, wrote **monthly articles for the Downtown Business Improvement District**, hosted **8 virtual office hours**, attended groups in the Grand, Wood Streets, Northside, Hunter Park, and Downtown neighborhoods, and **hosted 2 issue-based town halls** to address fire prevention and safety around Mt. Rubidoux. Erin was a panelist on **4 forums at UCR and RCC**. She championed a **priority-based budgeting process** for next year, and sought input from residents during the **2020-2025 Strategic Plan** process.